

By: Bettencourt

S.B. No. 1774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance of information entered into a fee record.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Article 103.0081 to read as follows:

Art. 103.0081. UNCOLLECTIBLE FEES. (a) Any officer authorized by this chapter to collect a fee or item of cost may request the trial court in which a criminal action or proceeding was held to make a finding that a fee or item of cost imposed in the action or proceeding is uncollectible if the officer believes:

(1) the defendant is deceased;

(2) the defendant is serving a sentence for imprisonment for life or life without parole; or

(3) the fee has been unpaid for at least 15 years.

(b) On a finding by a court that any condition described by Subsections (a)(1)-(3) is true, the court may order the officer to designate the fee or item of cost as uncollectible in the fee record. The officer shall attach a copy of the court's order to the fee record.

~~(c) This article applies only to a county with a population of more than 780,000 but less than 790,000.~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.